

**2009-2010 Special Sessions
State Legislative Special Sessions Report as of 10/13/2009**

Note: There have been no changes to any special sessions bills of interest to the Board since the previous Board meeting.

ABX3 24 (Jones) Implementation of CHIPRA and ARRA

Version: Introduced 01/22/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 01/22/2009-Bill contains only intent language thus far

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation implementing provisions of both the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

SBX3 25 (Cox) Abolition of First 5 Commission and Redirection of Funds to HFP and Medi-Cal

Version: Introduced 02/10/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 02/10/2009-First reading

This bill would:

- Abolish the state California Children and Families (First 5) Commission and the county children and families commissions, effective 90 days after the bill is approved by the voters at a statewide election;
- Require the county commissions to distribute 50% of their unencumbered local First 5 funds to county treasurers and the remaining 50% to county offices of education to be shared with school districts in the county;
- Require any unencumbered funds held by the state First 5 Commission to be transferred to the state General Fund (GF);
- Direct to the GF future cigarette tax revenues that would have been directed to the First 5 Commission and the county commissions;
- Require these GF funds to be appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the Healthy Families Program and the Medi-Cal program.

SBX3 26 (Alquist) CHIPRA Implementation

Version: Amended 4/16/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 4/16/2009-Senate RULES

This bill is identical to SB 311 (Alquist, 2009-10). This bill would:

- State the intent of the Legislature to implement key elements of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). This would include:
 - Enrolling eligible immigrant children and implementing changes to citizen documentation requirements in order to receive federal matching funds,
 - Requiring parity in state mental health and substance abuse coverage, establishing new payment methods for clinics participating in the Healthy Families Program, and measuring quality of care within child health programs, and

- Directing state agencies to take steps to take advantage of the increased federal funding that may be available to California, including funding for performance bonuses and outreach;
- Contingent upon federal financial participation and only to the extent that the Legislature appropriates funds for the following purpose, require the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) to provide dental-only coverage as authorized by CHIPRA;
- Deem regulations necessary to implement this coverage as emergency regulations, and exempt such regulations from requirements that the emergency be substantiated in writing.